

REMARKS

Claims 11, 17-21, 23, 25, and 27-28 remain in this application. Claims 1-10, 12-16, 22, 24, and 26 are now canceled. Reconsideration of the application is requested.

The claim amendments above are made following consideration of the comments provided in section 3 on page 2 of the Office Action, and all claims remaining in the application should now comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

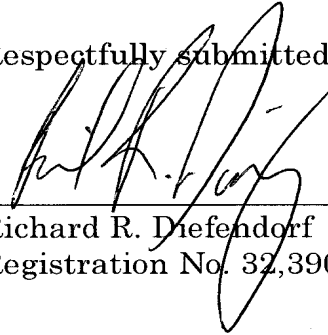
The comments provided by the Examiner in section 9 on page 5 of the Office Action are noted with appreciation. Claim 11 is rewritten into independent form above and should now be allowable. As all other claims remaining in the application depend on claim 11, the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(b) and 103(a) set forth in sections 6 and 8 of the Office Action are moot, and the application as a whole should be in allowable condition.

If there are any questions regarding this Reply or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an extension of time sufficient to effect a timely response. Please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket # 095309.57914US).

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